From: Nancy Gold
To: Siddiqui, Sumbul
Subject: Re: Hewlett-Packard Issue
Date: Monday, April 23, 2018 11:34:09 PM

Thanks, Sumbul!
Nancy

On Apr 23, 2018, at 11:15 PM, Siddiqui, Sumbul <ssiddiqui@cambridgema.gov> wrote:

Nancy thanks a lot for writing!!! The resolution was not before us today.

I do agree with your assessment of the materials that were sent.

I'll keep you posted on when/if this comes before the council.

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From: Nancy Gold <moo.moo@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 22, 2018 1:08:11 AM
To: Siddiqui, Sumbul
Subject: Hewlett-Packard Issue

Dear Sumbul,

I'm so thrilled to write you now as a City Councilor and not just a candidate and am still so glad to have given you my #1 vote. I have been proud to be a Cambridge resident for exactly 20 years, since Cambridge is clearly a city that cares about human rights. I know from talking with you that this is a prime issue for you too. As you know, sometime in the next couple of weeks, the City Council will be taking up the issue of Hewlett-Packard. You will see me testifying at that meeting because I feel very strongly about this issue, being Jewish and having visited the West Bank of Palestine in 2014.

Today I am incensed at the content of a mass mailing, which I assume all Cambridge residents are getting, phrased in such a way as to make people who are unfamiliar with the issue believe that BDS is bad. It urges people to call the City Council and "tell [the City Councilors] to *reject hate*." The fact is that Palestinians are suffering every day and that BDS is one of the few non-violent methods of protest against the daily life of cruelties under the Israeli occupation. And one more detail about the mass mailing: residents are told to "contact *our* City Council." "*Our*" City Council! But the mailing comes from a Los Angeles lobbying group, Israeli-American Coalition for Action, which in 2017 spent over half a million dollars on its lobbying activities.

As you probably know, Cambridge was in the vanguard of using consumer boycott against South African apartheid when in 1970 a boycott was organized against Polaroid, which profited from the passbooks that black South Africans were forced to show at checkpoints.

I urge you to please vote your conscience and progressive values when this issue comes to a vote and vote for justice and reject a politically expedient vote. It's really very simple: Cambridge should not buy products from companies that support oppression.

Sincerely,

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